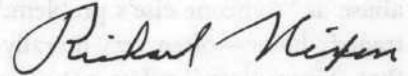


avoid the problems that arise from abuse of drugs and to attain the full promise of their maturity.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.



PROCLAMATION 4081

Leif Erikson Day, 1971

September 21, 1971

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Nearly a thousand years ago Leif Erikson, a bold and intrepid Norseman, left familiar waters with a small band of men to face the dangers of the North Atlantic and sail to the shores of this continent. The exploits of Leif Erikson are still in large part shrouded in the mists of history, and only now are we beginning to appreciate fully the magnitude of those explorations.

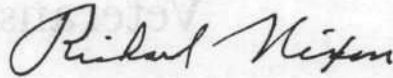
If the details of Leif Erikson's adventures are still hidden from our view, his courage is not. He and his shipmates are worthy guides to us today, and our journey into the unknown still draws inspiration from them. It is therefore most appropriate that we give national recognition to Leif Erikson, and I am most happy to meet the request of the Congress of the United States, in a joint resolution approved September 2, 1964 (78 Stat. 849), that the President proclaim October 9 in each year as Leif Erikson Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Saturday, October 9, 1971, as Leif Erikson Day; and I direct the appropriate Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings that day.

I also invite the people of the United States to honor the memory of Leif Erikson on that day by holding appropriate exercises and ceremonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred

seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.



PROCLAMATION 4082

Child Health Day, 1971

By the President of the United States of America

September 23, 1971

A Proclamation

The strength and energy of a society may be measured today and predicted for tomorrow by the health of its children. Robust bodies, bright eyes, sharp minds: all of these define the quality of life in this country now and for the future.

Caring for the health of our 70 million citizens under eighteen and the nearly four million babies born each year is not merely a choice for today, but also a duty to tomorrow.

All our children deserve to be free from preventable sickness and handicaps. If they suffer illness or handicap, they should have the best care possible.

We need to insure that parents are helped to bear healthy babies; that infants receive optimal care; that the health of the children is protected and enhanced during the growing years; that abnormalities of development are prevented or ameliorated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, pursuant to a joint resolution of May 18, 1928, as amended (36 U.S.C. 143), do hereby designate Monday, October 4, 1971, as Child Health Day. ^{45 Stat. 617;}
^{73 Stat. 627.}

I invite all agencies and organizations interested in child welfare to unite upon that day in such activities as will awaken the people of the Nation to the fundamental necessity of a year-round program for the protection and development of the health of the Nation's children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.

